THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The size or depth of exploratory wells depends on the depth at which oil producing zone is expected based on surveys and drilling.

Railway Link to Chatra (Bihar)

1784. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the headquarter of Chatra division in Hazaribagh district of Bihar is not connected with railway line;

(b) whether there has been a long standing demand to connect Chatra with railway line;

(c) whether the Government propose to link this place with railway line; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Chatra is not connected with railway line.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Introduction of Fast Passenger Train from Haldibari to Jalpaiguri

1785. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to introduce a fast passenger train from Haldibari to Sealdah via Jalpaiguri town and NJP station to meet the long felt need of the people of Jalpaiguri and Coochbehar;

(b) if so, whether work have already been started there; and

(c) if so, the amount spent thereon and the details of the work completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) No, Sir. But the feasibility is under examination.

[*Translation*]

Renovation of Rajpipla Airport

1786. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an old airport in Rajpipla town near Narmada Dam of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to renovate this airport; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The National Airports Authority has no plan to construct/renovate any airport at Rajpipla city of Bharuch District in Gujarat.

Bridge over Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh

1787. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to construct fourth rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh (Assam); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?